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**2012 CHIGNIK DISTRICT
TANNER CRAB SEASON TO OPEN JANUARY 25**

The National Weather Service (NWS) 4:00 AM 48-hour marine forecast for Area 155 on January 23 contained gale warnings. Therefore, the Chignik District Tanner crab final registration and season opening will be delayed for 24 hours.

By regulation, the start of the Chignik District Tanner crab season may not be delayed due to weather for more than ten days. Since the season opening was delayed through Tuesday, January 24, final registration will begin at 12:00 NOON on January 24 and the season will open at 12:00 NOON on Wednesday, January 25 regardless of the marine weather forecast.

All participants must validate their Chignik District Tanner crab registration with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) prior to participating in the fishery. Final registration will occur at the Harbor Master's office in Sand Point or by fax from areas outside of Sand Point starting at 12:00 NOON on Tuesday, January 24. The Kodiak ADF&G fax number is 907-486-1824.

Participants are advised that the master of each vessel is ultimately responsible for the safety of the vessel.

For additional information please contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.